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## FAIRFIELD

Large Town Meeting—Tax of 12 Mills

Automobile Racing—How to Stop It

School Fire Escapes—Selectmen May Borrow—Stealing an Apple Orchard—Boxing Postponed.

A large, interesting and important town meeting was held Saturday evening. The town hall was overflowing, and the meeting did not adjourn until nearly 10:45. Many gentlemen were present from the Stratfield and Southport districts, and all the eminent lawyers of the town, including Hon. Speaker Banks, Judge Perry, Mr. Justice Wakeman, Grand Juror Clitus King and Attorney James Cummings were in attendance. Mr. King was called to the chair and presided over the meeting with his usual impartiality and urbanity. The people of the town appeared to be in a very amiable and generous mood, ready to vote provided for anything reasonable, provided they had sufficient data to act upon.

Doubtless the most important action by the town was the laying on of a mill tax for the ensuing year. It was conceded that 11 mills would not produce the necessary revenue, and some gentlemen were in favor of a 13 mill tax. Judge Banks said he would vote for 13 mills. Mr. J. W. Perry pointed out that the town is annually paying \$6,500 in interest, and he thought a 12 mill tax would raise enough money to have a few thousand dollars left over with which to reduce the indebtedness of the town. It was estimated that a 12 mill tax would produce about \$2,000 surplus, provided all the taxes can be collected. "But there would be a windfall," said one of the men, "and the surplus would be speedily wiped out for repairs. The appropriation asked for in 1908 to keep the town hall was \$66,150. For various reasons there is an increase this year of some \$2,000. A rising vote on the tax question was called for, and a good many citizens were in favor of a 13 mill tax the majority was for a tax of 12 mills.

A very interesting discussion was precipitated by Dr. Donaldson, after the items in the call had been disposed of, regarding the racing of automobiles through the streets of the town, and the injury done by them to the highways. He said he considered this the most important question before the community, as it concerned the preservation of the life and limbs of the inhabitants. He spoke of the racing last Thursday, when Mr. Wallace was killed, from the library corner on to Ash Creek bridge, and said the automobiles went three abreast, with their mufflers off, and taking up a good share of the roadway. He also alluded to the fact that it now costs the town some \$200 a year to keep the roads in repair that the manufacturers of automobiles may test their machines, and the millaires of New York use the streets for race tracks. He hoped some way would be devised to enforce the laws. Judge Banks agreed with Dr. Donaldson and said that he did not know what the meeting could do in the matter. He thought the present automobile law a very good one and admitted that he had had much to do with its passage at Hartford. He said he held up the House for 2 hours in order to get the law passed, and it was the hardest job of his legislative experience. The enforcement of the law is what is wanted. Judge Perry suggested that the best town meeting in which to consider this matter is the one held at the capitol in Hartford, and he moved that the representatives of Fairfield be instructed to amend the law so that it would be effective. The motion not being seconded, was not adopted. A number of gentlemen gave voice to their opinions regarding the racing of automobiles. Mr. J. W. Perry suggested that the selectmen write to the auto clubs in New York and Bridgeport, to the effect that the laws will be enforced in Fairfield. He said such a notice would be published in all the papers in the United States and would have a deterrent effect. He also said that if some one stood at the boundary lines of the town, on the great highways and gave out cards to the automobilists, it would be found that 90 per cent of them are gentlemen. Judge Perry said he would hereafter run his auto at a slower speed. One gentleman suggested that all autos be geared to run at 15 miles an hour. Another thought a jail sentence was the only effective remedy. During this discussion, which was ultra vires to the call, Mr. W. O. Burr moved that the meeting adjourn. This motion was voted down, for it was plain the people are at last aroused over the racing question, whether they vote or think of boxing bouts. It was said that Bridgeport will not allow the testing of machines on its roads, and it was proposed to prohibit them from doing so in Fairfield. The road which runs up Jennings hill, past the Jennings place, is being torn up. Finally the selectmen were directed to see what measures can be adopted to prevent racing through the town.

Another subject which attracted considerable attention was that of fire escapes for the schools. Supt. Wheatley took the floor and presented the case as seen from the view point of the School Board. He said it was admitted by all that the Southport school should have a fire escape and in his judgment there were four other school houses which needed them. These are the Center school, the Greenfield Hill, the Stratfield and Nichols Terrace. The School Board is not sure if all these school houses should be provided with escapes. He would like to have a committee of expert firemen examine the buildings and make a report. Mr. W. O. Burr, one of the school board members, said that the law is that there must be fire escapes where the building is over two stories high and there is but one exit. There are two school houses in town which have but one exit—the Southport and the Greenfield Hill. Dr. M. V. B. Dunham had reported to the Board that the exit of the Greenfield school is just above the furnace, where a fire is sure to break out if at all. He thought the place a trap. Ex-Sectman Wakeman wished to know how many children there are on the upper floor of the Greenfield Hill school and was promptly informed that the number is 55. Finally Judge Perry moved that the school committee be instructed to provide fire escapes where in its opinion they are needed. It was subsequently the town appropriated the sum of \$100 to purchase fire escapes. It was estimated that to place them on the Southport school will cost \$200, and on the Greenfield Hill school, \$100, according to the number of platforms. Each additional platform costs \$100 extra. Some gentlemen thought this a pretty steep price.

As a mere matter of form and accommodation the town voted to permit the selectmen to borrow the sum of \$10,000 for a period of three months, giving the notes of the town in the usual form, until the taxes come in, so that the selectmen can go on with their work. This resolution was adopted without discussion.

Some of the gentlemen present at the meeting were Mr. Brewster, Mr. Charles D. Jennings, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. A. B. Wakeman, Representative Pease, Selectmen Fox and Bond, Mr. T. Forsythe, Mr. B. Betts, Mr. Beach of Bridgeport, C. O. Jelliff, Robert C. Hitchcock, I. N. Bock, J. W. Perry, Joseph I. Flint and others.

There was a rumor in town to-day that the boxing bout which was to have taken place on the 16th inst. at Perry's hall, has been postponed for the present. If this is true it will gratify many good people.

The funeral of Mr. Patrick Gorman, who died in Southport, aged 78, takes place to-morrow morning from St. Thomas' church.

It is thought the Greenfield Hill Country club will give a minstrel performance sometime next spring. Mrs. W. H. Wilson is training a choir of young ladies to that end.

A curious thing happened in town on the night Mr. Whitaker was lecturing in Southport on the care of trees. As will be remembered the night was very stormy and dark. Taking advantage of that circumstance some one went into the grounds surrounding the home of Mr. A. Holland Forbes, on Main street, and pulled up and carried off some thirty or forty young apple trees which he set out last fall, and in which he took a good deal of pride. He was congratulated on his self that the trees had survived what proved to be a very open winter. There was a clothes line in the yard, stretched from one pole to another, and was taken and cut up to bind the trees with. They were evidently carted off on someone's back, for Mr. Forbes' coachman has been able to trace footprints in the soft soil for a considerable distance. There may be a question among orchardists how to protect trees from the San Juan scale, or how to prevent apples from being stolen, but these sink into insignificance when it becomes a question of preserving the trees themselves. Only the holes were left. There is a strong suspicion as to who took the trees. There has been much stealing of all sorts of things in town, but this is the first time an apple orchard has been stolen and carried off. The trees were brought from New York last fall and set out. It is understood that Mr. Forbes has given orders for the erection of an iron fence seven feet high around his land. Evidently the people must take some means of protection of both their property and their lives.

Because the ice crop in this town was poor, it does not follow there will be no ice next summer. Mr. Benjamin F. Bulkeley, the ice man, has recently bought 1,200 tons of ice in the town of Winsted, and will have a good supply for his customers. There has been an abundant crop of ice in that far off town, and even now it is said ice 14 inches thick can be cut from the ponds.

A number of townspeople went to Bridgeport on Friday evening to listen to a lecture on liquid air. The lecturer was Mr. Caroline Betts, Mr. B. Betts, Howard and Winfield Thomas. It has been suggested that the same lecture be given in this town, as it is deeply interesting and few people have ever seen liquid air.

Mr. C. O. Jelliff thinks it may be half a dozen years yet before he moves his plant from Southport to Bridgeport. He is well satisfied with his present location.

**POINTS OF INTEREST.**

Don't Forget

The ninth annual ball and whist to be given at Patrick's hall, March 17, at 8 o'clock, by Lucetta Warner circle of Lady Foresters. The prizes which number over fifty are exceptionally beautiful and will be given to the whist which will be held in the large hall adjoining the dance hall. Dancing will be enjoyed during the whist. Music will be furnished by Mills or orchestra. Tickets 25 cents, including whist.

Great Sale at the White House.

One of the greatest clothing sales in the history of Bridgeport is now going on at the White House clothing house, located at 637-639-641 Water street, near Fairfield avenue. The object of this great sale is to wind up the large sale of the estate of the late clothing Isadore Reich. Everything must be turned into cash. The above firm is not quoting prices, but go in and see for yourself. This sale will last only seven days more, so don't miss this great chance of getting your clothes and furnishings at a great reduction. If you purchase now you will save dollars.

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